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WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS MOST LIBERAL IN DECADE

Anticipating sizable fall flights, waterfowl regulation frameworks, within which States select their 1970-71 hunting seasons, are the most liberal in a decade, Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel announced today.

Most species of ducks are expected to be moving down the flyways in about the same numbers as in 1969, which was a good year for waterfowl hunters. Mallard flights should be even better than a year ago.

The regulations are based upon predictions by biologists for Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife who have been making aerial surveys of the nesting grounds in recent months.

Their optimism comes from habitat conditions on the prairie pothole country of Canada and the northern United States where many of the favored game ducks breed. Conditions have been described as "excellent" the past two years following several years of drought.

The frameworks are established after recommendations are made by State wildlife agencies, flyway councils and major private conservation organizations.

Even with the generally good situation, there are still special restrictions on some species such as canvasbacks, redheads, wood ducks, and black ducks in some flyways. While the mallard population is the best in recent years, some restrictions within the limit are provided in the Mississippi flyway to keep the breeding population at a high level. The goose populations are generally in excellent condition, but some of the goose flocks still need special protection via the regulations.

The frameworks announced today are more liberal than any in the 1960's expecially for the Mississippi, Central and Pacific flyways.

Frameworks for geese and cranes are generally the same as they have been for the past three years.

Specific hunting regulations within the frameworks issued by the Federal Government will be announced by State fish and game agencies.

The Federal frameworks are attached.

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Summary of 1970-71 Regulations Frameworks for Waterfowl, Coots, Cranes, Snipe, and Gallinule

In considering amendments to regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Secretary of the Interior has approved frameworks which prescribe season lengths, bag limits, shooting hours, and dates within which States may select 1970-71 seasons for hunting waterfowl, coots, and gallinules; cranes in parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma; and for common snipe in the Pacific Flyway. Frameworks are summarized below.

GENERAL

States may split their seasons for ducks or geese into 2 segments without penalty in number of days. The segments may be of unequal length. Exceptions to this rule are noted.

States in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways are reminded that if they did not select their gallinule season in July, they should do so at the time of their waterfowl selections. Frameworks for gallinule were approved by the Secretary on June 24 and are: outside dates: Sept. 1 - Jan. 15; season length: not more than 70 days; shooting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset daily; limits: 15 daily, 30 in possession.

gallinule

States and portions of States placed in the Pacific Flyway may select coot and gallinule seasons to run concurrently with the season selected for ducks. The daily bag and possession limit is 25 coots and gallinule, singly or in the aggregate.

coots and gallinule in the Pacific Flyway

States in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways may select a special scaup-only hunting season not to exceed 16 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of 5 and a possession limit of 10 scaup subject to the following conditions:

special
scaup-only
season

- 1. Any such special season must fall between October 1, 1970, and January 31, 1971, inclusive.
- 2. Such special season must fall outside the open season for any other ducks except sea ducks.

- 3. Such season be limited to described areas mutually agreed upon between the State and the Bureau prior to August 27.
- 4. Agreed upon open areas must be described and delineated under State hunting regulations.
- 5. Shooting hours from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset;

OR

States in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways, except those States selecting the optional point system, may select an additional 2 scaup daily and 4 in possession, in addition to the bag limits on other ducks, during the regular duck hunting season subject to conditions 3, 4, and 5 listed above.

extra scaup

Basic shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset.

shooting hours

Dates within which States may select open season; the length of open season; bag limit options; and other special provisions are listed below by Flyway.

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Between October 3, 1970, and January 20, 1971, States in this Flyway may select open seasons on ducks and coots of: (a) 50 days with basic limits on ducks of 4 daily and 8 in possession; or (b) 40 days with basic limits on ducks of 5 daily and 10 in possession; or (c) 60 days with basic limits on ducks of 3 daily and 6 in possession. The limit on coots is 15 daily and 30 in possession.

outside dates

ducks and coots

Under options (a) and (b), the limits on ducks may not include more than 2 black ducks daily and 4 in possession. Under option (c) the limits on ducks may not include more than 1 black duck daily and 2 in possession.

restrictions on black duck

The daily bag limit on ducks under any option may not include more than 2 wood ducks and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead.

The possession limit on ducks may not include more than 4 wood ducks and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead.

restrictions on other ducks

The limit on mergansers is 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which only 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

mergansers

That portion of the State of New York (Lake Champlain area) lying east and north of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad tracks running south from the Canadian line to Whitehall, New York, and east to the New York-Vermont State line takes the waterfowl seasons, limits, and shooting hours selected by Vermont. The State of New York may select the open season date for the Long Island area independent of the season for the rest of the State.

reciprocal, New York with Vermont

As an option to the conventional bag limits, an experimental point system is prescribed for 60 days, during the framework dates shown above, in Florida and New Jersey. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset. The point values for species and sexes taken are as follows: hen mallards, black ducks, mottled ducks, wood ducks, redheads, canvasbacks, and hooded mergansers count 90 points each; drake mallards, green-winged teal, hen pintails, and ring-necked ducks count 20 points each; all other species of ducks and mergansers count 10 points each. Coots have a point value of zero. The limit on coots is 15 daily with 30 in possession. The daily bag limit is 100 points. The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken added to the sum of the point values of the other ducks and mergansers already taken during that day reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit is the maximum number of birds of species and sex which could have legally been taken in two days. In New Jersey, sea ducks have a point value of 10 points each during the point system season, but during any part of the regular open sea duck season falling outside the point system season, the regular sea duck limit of 7 daily and 14 in possession will apply.

point system options for Florida and New Jersey

coots

States in the Atlantic Flyway, except Maine and any other State not selecting a point system, may select a bonus of two bluewinged teal daily and four in possession, in addition to the regular bag limit, for any period of nine consecutive days during the regular duck season.

Between October 3, 1970, and January 24, 1971: The States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, (excluding the Back Bay area), may select an open season on geese (except blue and snow geese) of 70 days; the daily bag limit is 3 and the possession limit is 6. The States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and the Back Bay area of Virginia may select an open season on geese (except blue and snow geese) of 50 days; the daily bag limit is 1 and the possession limit is 2. There will be no open season on geese in the States of Florida and Georgia.

season lengths and limits on geese

restrictions

Between October 3, 1970, and January 24 , 1971, all States in this Flyway may select a season for brant not to exceed 70 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 6.

brant season and limits

The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power is permitted on those coastal water areas open to sea duck hunting during the special open season and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; in the State of Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in its hunting regulations as being open to sea duck hunting; and in those coastal waters of New York State lying in Long Island and Block Island Sounds and associated bays eastward from a line running between Miamogue Point in the town of Riverhead to Red Cedar Point in the town of Southampton, including any ocean waters of New York lying south of Long Island.

cripples, pursuing and shooting

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Between October 1, 1970, and January 17, 1971, States in the Flyway may select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of (a) 45 days with basic limits of 4 ducks daily and 8 in possession; or (b) 55 days with basic limits of 6 ducks daily and 12 in possession; and a bag limit of 15 daily and 30 in possession on coots.

outside dates, options for season length and limits on ducks and coots

Under option (a) the daily bag limit on ducks may not include more than 2 wood ducks and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead. The possession limit may not include more than 4 wood ducks and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead.

limits for ducks options

Under option (b) the daily bag limit on ducks may not include more than 2 mallards, 2 wood ducks, and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead. The possession limit may not include more than 4 mallards, 4 wood ducks, and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead.

mergansers

The limit on mergansers is 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

point system option in Iowa and Illinois

As an option to the conventional bag limits, an experimental point system bag limit may be selected by Iowa and Illinois for 55 days during the framework dates shown above. Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset. The point values for species and sexes taken are as follows: hen mallards, black ducks, wood ducks, redheads, canvasbacks, and hooded mergansers count 90 points each; drake mallards, hen pintails, and ring-necked ducks count 20 points each; all other species and sexes of ducks and mergansers count 10 points each. The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken added to the sum of the point values of the other birds already taken during that day reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit shall be the maximum number of birds of species and sex which could have legally been taken in two days. Coots have a point value of zero, but the bag is limited to 15 daily and 30 in possession as under the conventional limits.

Wisconsin may select an experimental point system on areas under their control as mutually agreed upon.

Between October 1, 1970, and January 24, 1971, States in this Flyway, except Louisiana, may select an open season on geese totaling 70 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5. No open season is prescribed for taking Canada geese in Issaquena, Sharkey, and Washington Counties of Mississippi, or in the States of Arkansas and Louisiana. In Alabama, all goose hunting is closed in the Counties of Russell and Barbour.

geese, outside dates (except Louisiana)

Between October 1, 1970, and February 15, 1971, Louisiana may select an open season of not to exceed 70 days on blue, snow, and white-fronted geese. The daily bag and possession limit is 5 geese in the aggregate of all species of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted geese.

Louisiana geese outside dates and limits

In the Mississippi Counties of Panola, Lafayette, and Marshall, the bag and possession limit is one Canada goose, and the season will be concurrent with the regular season for ducks.

Mississippi

In all States except Wisconsin, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri, the daily bag and possession limits shall not include more than 2 Canada geese, or 2 white-fronted geese, 1 of each. In the States of Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri, the daily bag limit shall not include more than 2 Canada geese, or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 of each; the possession limit shall not include more than 4 Canada and white-fronted geese in the aggregate, of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted geese. In Wisconsin, the daily bag limit shall not include more than 1 Canada goose and the possession limit not more than 2 Canada geese except in the Horicon Zone where the possession limit is only 1 Canada goose. In Iowa and Minnesota, the daily bag and possession limit shall not include more than 1 Canada goose.

restrictions

limits on geese

In the States of Illinois and Wisconsin, the kill of Canada geese is limited to 35,000 birds in each State.

quota limit Canada geese

In the States of Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri, the flyway-wide regulations for blue, snow, and white-fronted geese will apply. In these States, Canada goose hunting season dates will conform with the duck season dates with the following exceptions in Missouri:

Canada geese in Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri

(a) Swan Lake quota zone (same description as before) shooting ends when the quota of 15,000 is reached.

- (b) Squaw Creek area (same description as before) Canada geese may be taken only during the first 30 days of the open season. The daily bag limit is 1 and the possession limit is 2.
- (c) Bootheel area (east of U.S. Highway 67 from its junction with U.S. Route 61 to the Arkansas line eastward to the Missouri boundary), Canada geese may be taken between December 1, 1970, and January 24, 1971, for a period not to exceed the length of the Missouri duck season. The daily bag limit is 1 and the possession limit is 2.

Geese taken in the States of Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri may not be transported, shipped, or delivered for transportation or shipment by common carrier, the postal service, or by any person except as the personal baggage of the hunter taking the birds.

restrictions on transporting geese in Ky., Ill., and Mo.

When it has been determined by the Director that the quota of Canada geese allotted for the State of Illinois and Missouri Swan Lake area will have been killed in these States respectively, the season for taking Canada geese therein will be closed by the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and day of closing.

special closure for geese in Ill. and Mo.

Canada Goose Hunting in Wisconsin: The regulations on hunting Canada geese in Wisconsin were published on page 12000 in the FEDERAL REGISTER of July 25, 1970.

Canada geese, Wisconsin

Any State not selecting a point system on a statewide basis may take 2 additional blue-winged teal daily and 4 in possession, in addition to the regular daily bag and possession limit on other ducks, for a period of 9 consecutive days to be selected, during the regular open hunting season for ducks.

bonus teal

Between October 1 and November 14, 1970, in the Shiawassee River State Game Area in Saginaw County, Michigan, an experimental open season on ducks, coots, mergansers, and gallinule is prescribed. The specific daily bag and possession limit will depend upon the sexes and species taken as determined by a point system to be developed between the State and the Bureau.

Shiawassee experimental point system

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Between October 1, 1970, and January 17, 1971, States or portions of States placed in this Flyway may select, a concurrent open season on ducks and coots of: (a) 70 days with basic limits on ducks of 5 daily and 10 in possession; or (b) 55 days with basic limits on ducks of 6 daily and 12 in possession.

ducks
outside dates
season lengths
and limits

The daily bag limit on ducks may not include more than 2 wood ducks and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead. The possession limit on ducks may not include more than 4 wood ducks and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead.

restrictions on other ducks

The bag limit on mergansers is 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

mergansers

The bag limit on coots is 15 daily and 30 in possession.

coots

As an option to the conventional bag limits, States in this Flyway may select a point system bag limit. Under the point system shooting hours are sunrise to sunset. point values for species and sexes taken are as follows: hen mallards, black ducks, wood ducks, redheads, canvasbacks, hooded mergansers, and New Mexican ducks count 90 points each; drake mallards, mottled ducks, hen pintails and ring-necked ducks count 20 points each; all other species and sexes of ducks and mergansers count 10 points each. The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken added to the sum of the point values of the other birds already taken during that day reaches or exceeds 100 points, The possession limit shall be the maximum number of birds of species and sex which could have legally been taken in two days. Coots have a point value of zero, but the bag is limited to 15 daily and 30 in possession as under the

point system
option

Under the point system the season length for North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas is 70 days, and for Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico it is 90 days.

point system season lengths

In the Colorado counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, and Rio Grande, and those portions of Saguache, Hinsdale, and Mineral counties lying east of the Continental Divide, an experimental early season on ducks and coots is continued. The season dates are October 1 through October 18, 1970.

conventional limits.

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Colorado (San Luis Valley) point system A special permit is required to hunt in this area. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as those for the Central Flyway point system option except that in the San Luis Valley area coots count 10 points each.

Those portions of the States of Colorado and Wyoming lying west of the Continental Divide, that portion of New Mexico lying west of the Continental Divide plus the entire area of the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, and the Montana counties of Hill, Choteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park and all counties west thereof must select open seasons on waterfowl and coots in accordance with the Framework for the Pacific Flyway.

Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming west of the Continental Divide

Any State not selecting the optional point system may add to the regular bag and possession limits a bonus of 2 bluewinged teal daily and 4 in possession for a period of 9 consecutive days during the regular hunting season for ducks.

bonus teal

Between October 1, 1970, and January 17, 1971, States in this Flyway may select an open season on geese with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 according to the following framework:

geese outside dates

(a) The States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas may select a single season of 75 consecutive days.

season lengths

(b) The States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico may select a season of 90 days for the Central Flyway portion of their States, with a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 geese.

limits

In the States of Nebraska and Kansas; in that portion of South Dakota lying west of U.S. Highway 281 and south of U.S. Highway 34; in that portion of Texas lying west of U.S. Highway 81; and in all of Oklahoma except Alfalfa, Bryan, Johnston, and Marshall Counties, the daily bag and possession limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese, or 1 white-fronted goose, or 1 of each.

Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas limits

In that portion of North Dakota lying west of State Highway 3, the daily bag limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese, or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 of each. In that portion of North Dakota lying east of State Highway 3, the daily bag limit may not include more than 1 Canada goose, or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 of each. The possession limit in North Dakota may not include more than 2 Canada and white-fronted geese singly or in the aggregate of these species.

North Dakota

In that portion of South Dakota lying east of U.S. Highway 281 and north of State Highway 34, except those portions of Grant County and Roberts County lying east of U.S. Highway 81 and north of U.S. Highway 12, the daily bag limit may not include more than 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose, and the possession limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese, or 1 white-fronted goose, or 1 of each. In those counties bordering the Missouri River between the North Dakota line and the Nebraska line, the daily bag and possession limit for 45 consecutive days (to be selected by the State) may not include more than 2 Canada geese, or 1 white-fronted goose, or 1 of each; and for the remaining 30 days of the season the daily bag limit may not include more than 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose and the possession limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese, or 1 white-fronted goose, or 1 of each.

South Dakota limits

In the Oklahoma Counties of Alfalfa, Bryan, Johnston, and Marshall, the State may select either:

Oklahoma limits

- (a) A single season of 45 consecutive days with a daily bag and possession limit of not more than 2 Canada geese, or 1 white-fronted goose, or 1 of each; or
- (b) A single season of 75 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of not more than 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose, and a possession limit of not more than 2 Canada geese, or 1 white-fronted goose, or 1 of each.

In that portion of Texas lying east of U.S. Highway 81, the daily bag limit may not include more than 1 Canada goose, or 1 white-fronted goose, and the possession limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese, or 1 white-fronted goose, or 1 of each.

Texas limits

In all States in the Flyway, the daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 1 Ross' goose.

Ross' goose

States in this Flyway may select a single open season on sandhill (little brown) cranes with a daily bag limit of 3 and a possession limit of 6 according to the following framework:

little brown cranes

(a) 30 consecutive days from October 3 through November 1, 1970, in the Central Flyway portion of Colorado except in the San Luis Valley area.

Colorado

(b) 72 consecutive days between October 31, 1970, and January 10, 1971, in the New Mexico counties of Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt, and in that portion of the State of Texas lying west of a line running north from the International Toll Bridge in Del Rio, along U.S. Highway 277 to the junction with U.S. Highway 87 at San Angelo, along U.S. Highway 87 to the junction with U.S. Highway 287 at Amarillo, and along U.S. Highway 287 to the point of intersection with the Texas-Oklahoma State Line.

New Mexico

Texas

- (c) 37 consecutive days between December 5, 1970, and January 10, 1971, in that portion of Oklahoma lying west Oklahoma of U.S. Highway 81, and in that portion of the State of Texas Texas lying east of a line running south from the intersection of U.S. Highway 287 and the Texas-Oklahoma border to the junction of U.S. Highways 87 and 287 at Dumas, then along U.S. Highway 87 to San Angelo, and lying west of a line running north from San Angelo along U.S. Highway 277 to Abilene, along State Highway 351 from Abilene to Albany, along U.S. Highway 283 from Albany to Vernon, and then along U.S. Highway 183 east from Vernon to the point of intersection with the Texas-Oklahoma State line.
- (d) 30 consecutive days between November 14 and December 13, 1970, in the North Dakota counties of Kidder, Stutsman, McLean, Sheridan, and Burleigh; and in part of South Dakota described as follows: From the North Dakota State line, south on U.S. Highway 83 to U.S. Highway 212, west on U.S. Highway 212 to the Promise Road, north on the Promise Road to State Highway 20, north on State Highway 20 to U.S. Highway 12, northwest on U.S. Highway 12 to State Highway 63, north on State Highway 63 to the North Dakota State line.

North Dakota South Dakota

PACIFIC FLYWAY

States or portions of States placed in this Flyway may, between October 3, 1970, and January 17, 1971, select concurrent open seasons on ducks, coots, and gallinule of: (a) 93 days with basic limits on ducks of 6 daily and 12 in possession, or a daily bag and possession limit of 7 ducks; or (b) 79 days with basic limits on ducks of 7 daily and 14 in possession, or a daily bag and possession limit of 8 ducks.

ducks outside dates

season lengths and limits

Provided, That in Clark and Lincoln Counties in Neyada and in the Colorado River area of California open season dates and limits will coincide with those of Arizona; and that in the Tule Lake area of California open season dates and limits will coincide with those of Oregon.

Arizona, California, Nevada area

In that area of California lying south of the Tehachapi Mountains and west of the Colorado River area (or other description furnished by California), the State may designate season dates and bag limits differing from those in the rest of the State, so long as these dates and limits are consistent with the Pacific Flyway framework. California Tehachapi Mountains

The daily shooting hours for geese, ducks, coots, gallinule, and snipe are from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset,

hours

The daily bag and possession limit on coots and gallinule is 25, singly or in the aggregate of these species.

coots and

The limit on mergansers is 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded.

mergansers

In the San Pablo Bay area of California, the daily bag and possession limit may not include more than 2 canvasback ducks.

California canvasbacks

In the Columbia Basin areas of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho (same area as last year plus Bingham, Power, and Bannock Counties in Idaho), those States may select concurrent open seasons for ducks, coots, and gallinule of 107 days between October 3, 1970, and January 24, 1971, with basic limits on ducks of 7 daily and 14 in possession. In the Columbia Basin, shooting hours for ducks are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Columbia Basin ducks, coots, and gallinule

Between October 3, 1970, and January 17, 1971, States in this Flyway may select an open season on geese of 93 days with a basic daily bag and possession limit of 6, provided that the daily bag limit does not include more than 3 geese of the dark species, and provided that in the States of Washington and Idaho, the daily bag limit is 3 geese and the possession limit is 6 geese.

geese season length and limits

In the Washington Counties of Adams, Franklin, Grant, Walla Walla, Lincoln, Douglas, Yakima, Benton, Klickitat, and Kittitas, and in the Oregon Counties of Morrow, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, and Umatilla, the goose season is to be concurrent with the Columbia Basin duck season and the bag limits for geese are to be the same as in their respective States.

Columbia Basin geese

In the States of Arizona and Utah; in those portions of the States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico, placed in the Pacific Flyway; in Clark County Nevada; in the Tehachapi Waterfowl Area of California except Fish and Game District No. 22; and in the Idaho Counties of Bear Lake, Bonneville, Caribou, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Power, Bannock, Oneida, and Franklin, the daily bag and possession limit is 2 Canada geese. In the areas listed above except Arizona, New Mexico, Clark County, and Tehachapi Waterfowl, the open season on Canada geese may be no more than 58 days.

Canada geese limits

In the State of Arizona; in that portion of the State of New Mexico placed in the Pacific Flyway; in Clark County, Nevada; and in the Tehachapi Waterfowl area, the season on Canada geese may not extend beyond January 10, 1971.

In that portion of California Fish and Game District No. 22 for which California selects the open season, the daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 1 Canada goose and the season on Canada geese may not extend beyond January 10, 1971.

California Fish and Game District No. 22

In all States in the Flyway, the daily bag and possession limit may not include more than 1 Ross' goose.

restriction Ross' goose

No open season on show, blue, and Ross' geese may be prescribed in the Idaho Counties of Clark, Madison, Fremont, and Teton, or in the Montana Counties of Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison.

closed season in Idaho and Montana Counties Between October 3, 1970, and February 21, 1971, States in this Flyway may select an open season on brant of 93 days with daily bag limit of 4 and possession limit of 8.

brant

Between October 3, 1970, and January 17, 1971, States in this Flyway may select an open season on common snipe (Wilson's) (Wilson's) of 65 days with a daily bag limit of 8 and possession limit of 16.

common snipe

In the States of Utah, Nevada, and Montana, an open season for taking a limited number of whistling swans may be prescribed subject to the following conditions: (a) the season must run concurrently with the season for ducks, (b) in the State of Utah, no more than 2500 permits be issued authorizing each permittee to take 1 whistling swan, (c) in the State of Nevada, no more than 500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take 1 whistling swan in the County of Churchill, (c) in the State of Montana, no more than 500 permits be issued authorizing each permittee to take 1 whistling swan in the County of Teton, (e) permit forms and correspondingly numbered metal locking seals furnished by the Bureau must be issued by the appropriate Department of Game and Fish on an equitable basis without charge.

whistling swan